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- 11. (SBU) On June 1, Poloff met with the Ministry of Foreign Affair's director of international organizations and delivered reftel demarche. The director responded that the GOB has not reached a decision on whether to support Robert 1B. Zoellick's nomination to be president of the World Bank.
- 12. (SBU) Comment: While the official line is that the GOB has not reached a decision on Mr. Zoellick, statements by Pablo Solon, Bolivia's special ambassador for trade and integration, may indicate otherwise. Following his May 31 meeting in Washington with the World Bank's International Center for Settlement and Investment Disputes (ICSID) Solon stated, "We are worried that they (the World Bank under Zoellick) may start to link issues of foreign assistance . . . to the promotion of . . . polices of free trade." He continued by saying, "We believe that these types of policies tend to favor multinational corporations to the detriment of the sovereign and democratic rights of states." Solon was meeting with ICSID to explain the GOB's May 2 announcement to pullout of the organization. End Comment.